

THE
DISCOVERY
OF

A great and wicked Conspiracie
against this Kingdome in generall, and
the City of London in particular.

Being a Letter sent from the HAGUE in
HOLLAND, and directed to Secretary Nicholas,
but intercepted by the way, and read in both
Houses of Parliament on Saturday the 26
of November, 1642.

Also what great preparation of Money, men, and
Armes, there is made in Holland, France, and Denmark,
to assist the Kings Majesty in England.

With the manner how the said Letter was in-
tercepted and taken.

whereunto is added,

An Order by the Lord Major, for the raising of
of 20000 li, in the City of London, by vertue of an
Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament.

Sabbathi, 26, Novemb. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in
Parliament, that this Letter shall be forthwith
Printed and published, and read in all Parish Churches
within the City of London, and the Suburbs thereof by
the Parsons, Vicars, or Curats of the same.

John Browne, Cler. Parl.

Nov 28. London Printed for Adam Wright. 1642.

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rall, and the City of London in particular.

It is now long since I had the opportunity of writing
to you, but since my first have not heard any thing
from you at all, the occasion of our long stay here,
was first the expectation of our Irish Ships, next the
paying money, which the proposition of *Newcastle*
drew as fast as it could advance, the sailing of the
Ships had it not beene supplied by the reputation of
the Kings successe at Land, had given us a dangerous
blow here, but that hath so supported our credit, that
the Prince of *Orange* hath since playd his part, and ad-
vanced all those sums we were to expect, of which
20000 *l.* is sent towards you, 20000 *l.* to *Newcastle*, &
20000 *l.* at least we bring with us, besides the great bu-
sines which we expect this day a full end of, which
will advance 60000 *l.* more, in which we are ascertained
of the Prince of *Orange* his utmost power, such never-
theless we apprehend the importance of the *Queenes*
being in *England*, that we had gone this last weeke and
expected the coming of that after, had not an unex-
pected complement from your side stop us, till this
express came to you: the fleet is now ready, and this
week we are mainly gone, if those counsels, or chances,
that move to contrary resolutions, move not more cer-
tainly then the certaine advantages of our expedi-
tion and dispatch from hence, all our affaires now done

nothing more to be expected. That you may
know upon what grounds we goe, and what security
we expect there, and what advantage you in the South
are to derive from it, you must know we have sent o-
ver 10000 foot souldiers, besides the Garrison near 2000
horse, and 20 peece of Cannon, we bring over
Waggons, and all accommodation to march so soon
as we arrive, we carry very considerable Officers from
hence, and by the advice we receive from that side
2000 men are on foote already, 6 Troops of Horse,
and the rest will not be long on raising after we come
there. Generall King is designed for Lieutenant-Ge-
nerall, hath beene with the Queen, and will be sudden-
ly there, from Denmark are likewise sent armes for
10000 foot and 1500 horse, with a traine of Artillery
and every thing proportionable, to the very Drums
and Halberds. Two good men of warre come their
convoy, and in them an Embassadour to his Majesty,
a person of great quality in Denmark, I hope it will
be a generall care there to see him Nobly treated, for
the entertainment and neglect of the last was much
complained of, and is so much incited by the King,
that it had like to have frustrated all our expectations
in that Court had not *Cochran* very handsomely evaded
it, he comes along with the Embassadour, with whom
at your encounter you will communicate some propo-
sitions of great importance, which in how much the
fewer hands they are carried, will be to much the bet-
ter liked by them you are to deale with, if any im-
ployment in this affaire may fall upon your servant
that writes to you, I know you will not be unwillfull
of him.

We

that I have not apprehension here by some
remains from my Lord of *Belmont*, of a treaty rather
entered into, then we have advertisement of, or can
well approve, we have consistently believed your
proaching *Letter*, (if you had not made too long stay
upon this way) would have determined that matter
and what the difficulties are now of that we cannot yet
understand, for intelligences from hence can be
scarcely so you as to us, the Kings party there, are very
considerable, and full of that expectation, and I shall
or two less of him by the like example of *Hastings* be
judged of what contrary consequences it may pro-
duce. We have my Lord of *Essex* approaches *London*,
but believe he will be so waited on by the Kings Horse,
not to set him joyne with their Forces there, being
now so lame as Army without Horse or Cannon, as
the relation you send hither makes him to be. We
believe the Kings Horse is now so great a body
that it will be as troublesome as unnecessary for them
to subsist together, and think so many Troops might
be well spared as might be sent into *Kent*, to coun-
terbalance a party to be set on foot there, which accord-
ing to our intelligence here would undoubtedly be
found very affectionate and considerable, so that by
sending 500 Horse, you might possibly add to your
Army 3000 Foote, to be employed upon the River
on that side the Towne.

If the unhappy interception had not come of the
last Weekes Letters we had undoubtedly beene with
you on the other side in *Norfolk* and *Essex*,
within three Weekes, and in that condition having

all the King come behinde us on every side, it will not
be hard to judge whether we should have been better able
to submit, they within the Towne, or the Kings Army:
without, admit my Lord of Essex were gotten in, or
that the Towne had not yielded it self to suppose as
you had approached, you may certainly presume
on this, that our being once on foote we shall be able
to collect for you all the 400000^l. Subsidies, univer-
sally throughout the Kingdom, which will make the
Kings Army invincible, and wear out theirs, besides
which the money we bring, what we expect from *Spain*,
Italy, and *France*, are all encouragements to make us
expect no treaties to be admitted but upon terms of
great advantage and Honour to His Majesty, those
you are best able to judge of upon the place. If the
King have use of them, am confident you may ex-
pect from *Spain* (to look as you retreating in
Spain, and shall intimate you above the same) the
three Regiments of his Majesties owne Subjects there
employed, under Colonel *Widd*, Colonel *Rissilliant*,
and Colonel *Widd*, your letters directed to *Widd*,
will direct our addresses to *Widd*, for I hope we
shall yet be there before you can receive any in an-
swer to them.

As the happy interception had not come of the
last Weekes Letters, we had undoubtedly done with
you on the other side in *Widd* and *Essex*,
within three Weekes, and in that condition having
all

The manner how the aforesaid Letter
was intercepted and taken

ON Saturday morning the Gentleman that brought this
Letter from Holland, came up to London in a
Graveland Boat, intending to land at Beaulieu, and
therefore for the more Expedition for the Reidge, which be-
ing perceived by one of the Citizens, then he lay this side,
for the guard of the City and Port, and being known
as be a Graveland Boat, which always land on the other side
at Billingsgate, they told to them to turn their backs,
but they not regarding their warnings, still passed on,
whereupon the men in the City Gate, after they had heard
them in, examined the Gentleman, and having some suspici-
on search him, and found this with their other Letters about
him, whereupon they presently carried him up to the Prison
where after Examination, his Letters were taken from
him, and he committed in safe custody.
(This Letter as it is supposed) was writ by Colonel Go-
ving.

W^hereas the same Letters have been intercepted, and brought unto the Parliament, shewing the deliberate designe, and Plots of Papists, and others, in respect of the Collection of the said Summe of Money, and providing thereby thousands of men and Armes, for the raising of our Armies, and the furthering and securing whereof there is great necessity of a present and speedy supply of Money, that the same may be the better and more effectually provided, the said Parliament doth hereby enacte, that for preventing of the said dangerous designe, the Civilians daily contribute severall Summes of Money, and in regard thereof the said Parliament doth hereby enacte, that the said well-affecting Citizens, and Commons of the County of Middlesex, in Parliament assembled, shall be and lawfully be authorized, to have power, to continue, or not proportionate to their estates, and the proportions of Parliament, for the supply of the Kingdom, shall be either paid or levied in present and pay according to their abilities, and to such monies cannot be obtained by Warres, that Ordinance, to supply the urgent and necessary wants of the Army. It is desired by a Committee of Lords and Commons, appointed by the Parliament, for the advancing of monies, that a Summe of 1000000 should be raised by Tuesday in the afternoone, and all that shall lend any monies for the present raising of the same shall be repayed their monies so lent out, of the first monies that shall be collected upon the said Ordinance; and for the better advancing of this necessarie service, the Ministers of everie Parish are requested, publickly to stirre up their Parishioners hereunto, and that the Church-Wardens of everie Parish cause an Assembly of the Parishioners to morrow after Sermon, in the afternoone, that amongst them they raise a proportionable sum, and that upon Monday next, at three of the clocke in the afternoone the Church-Wardens appear at Guild-Hall before the said Committee, to give an account of what monies they have raised.

Dated Novemb. 26. 1642.

Isaac Pennington Mayor,

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